

HB 2657 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/22/17

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Sprenger, Vial, Wilson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Youth Development Council (YDC) develop statewide plan to provide out-of-school youth with opportunities to reengage. Requires plan to provide out-of-school youth with opportunities to become reengaged and to succeed in education or the workforce. Provides multiple pathways for out-of-school youth to access reengagement opportunities. Allows variations in reengagement effort to support each region. Establishes accountability framework that helps determine success of reengagement efforts. Creates task force on youth reengagement that is charged with evaluating state policies, consulting with experts in the field, and analyzing national reengagement systems. Establishes task force representatives, including those from Department of Education, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Employment Department, Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Youth Development Division, education stakeholders, workforce stakeholders, community organizations and others representing the YDC. Requires task force to consult with experts throughout the state to compile information for providing out-of-school youth opportunities, to evaluate state policies and procedures for out-of-school youth to reengage, and analyze reengagement systems throughout the country to identify successful systems. Establishes chairperson and outlines membership. Requires report to the Legislative Assembly on September 15, 2018. Becomes effective on the 91st day after the 2017 regular session.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Program works to address youth reengagement and adds an inclusive approach with workforce
- Task force will review national recommendations to produce legislative recommendations
- Apprenticeship and mentoring models will be reviewed to determine the impact on youth reengagement
- Provide three major youth reengagement efforts: (1) Reengagement back to high school, (2) find alternatives since high school was not a good fit for students and (3) using community colleges to meet high school requirements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 417.847 (2015) established the Youth Development Council (YDC) for the purpose of overseeing a unified system providing services to school-aged children through 24 years of age. The goal is to reduce high risk behaviors and hold them accountable. In 2014, data from the American Community Survey indicates that 42,506 youth from ages 18 to 24 years old do not have a recognized high school diploma or equivalent document. According to the Seattle Times, large cities like Boston and Chicago have reengagement programs that prove effective in reengaging students who have dropped out of school.

HB 2657-A creates a task force centered around youth reengagement with stakeholders involved in youth outcomes, while charging the YDC to produce statewide plans for reengagement efforts.

This Summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.